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1. [REDACTED]
2. "STOCZNIA No. 1" is a large shipyard-close to the free harbour of Gdynia. It was built by the Poles before World War II and was extensively used by the German Navy during the occupation. Immediately after the war the Soviets transported away the large dock of the shipyard, leaving only a small dock which can accommodate ships up to 2000 tons.
3. "STOCZNIA No. 2 or the so-called REMONTOWA lies close to the fishing harbour. It served the fishing fleet before World War II. Now this shipyard, too, has lost its dock and can only receive small boats-mostly fishing trawlers etc.-by using cranes or special trolleys running on rails under the water [sic].
4. STOCZNIA MARYNARKI WOJENNEJ NA OKSYWU is situated between the naval harbour of OKSYWIE and the so-called "PAGET", or former timber harbour which is now also part of the naval harbour. The timber harbour now in use is at Gdansk. (Timber is loaded there for export [REDACTED]). This shipyard repairs only small and medium sized naval vessels and their motors and automatic mechanisms. Large naval vessels are repaired in the shipyard of Gdansk. [REDACTED] there is probably a pontoon dock capable of lifting smaller ships. This shipyard is mainly used as a repair workshop, but various types of torpedo boats are built there.

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5.

"At Gdansk the shipyards are organized on a different pattern: all the separate small yards are merged into one enterprise. A number of years ago a large dock from the former SCHIHAI shipyard was towed to the OSTROW BAZA REMONTOWA at WESTERPLATTE. Thus the BAZA REMONTOWA is directly linked with the SCHIHAI shipyard across the canal. A third shipyard, the so-called southern yard, is also linked with this large shipyard. This means that at present there is only one shipyard at Gdansk which is large enough to accommodate large warships.

6.

"The area of the shipyard is guarded from wooden watchtowers built round the shipyard. These towers are equipped partly with searchlights and partly with powerful lights. At every point on the land side which might be easily crossed by intruders, there are barbed wire barriers. The shipyard is also guarded by special patrols with bloodhounds. These patrols and the guards at the main entrance are composed of the 'guard of the shipyard' (STRAZ STOCZNICOWA) and WOP soldiers, usually in the proportion of two to one. Sometimes KBW soldiers can be observed guarding the shipyard. All guards and patrols are armed with machine pistols.

"The warships under repair at the Gdansk shipyard are also guarded by the marine posts from the ship's crew. The BAZA REMONTOWA is comparatively less guarded than other parts of the shipyard.

7.

"In order to enter the Gdansk shipyard it is necessary to obtain a special permit from the office of the BAZA REMONTOWA. These permits are issued after an official check of the list of the members of the crew which has been signed by the captain of the ship under repair. The permit must be stamped with the round rubber stamp of the ship and signed by its captain, as well as stamped and countersigned by the 'shipyard guard' at the central office of the shipyard."

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